

Satellite radio is the future of information dissemination in the U.S. Local traffic information is a true public service when the majority of the public can receive it. XM radio listeners should have this service available to them as implemented right now.

TV and terrestrial radio broadcasters could have been providing this service for at least a decade via subcarrier/sideband and other technologies but have done so. Now that competition is upon them broadcasters are running for shelter of government protection. Rather they should be running to Radio Shack for equipment to compete and begin operating in "The Public Interest" as they agreed to do when their FCC licenses were granted.

Satellite radio is only one of the force driving broadcasters to provide better service and programing. But but if they had been interested in providing these and other services they certainly could have found a way long ago. Investors and listeners would have been better served if station and corporate owners made investments in the future rather than stock option plans and executive retirement plans.

Competition is good for everyone. Support satellite radio in their effort to provide better service to the citizens of our country.

Thanks
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